1: Karsten--404 (1916-18) 1935 Jivaro
156 (1928-29)

"A Jibaro or a Canelos medicine-man is reserved and taciturn, his eyes are dull and, as it were, veiled, a natural consequence, no doubt, of his permanent habit of drinking natéma (aya huasca) and other narcotics."

25: Vigna--37-38 (no date) 1945 Jivaro
116, 156, 181

The Jîbaro is materialist by nature. He has no organized social constitution (He does not recognize any chief or authorities, only provisionally and in case of reprisal.); he is polygamous, revengeful through tradition made precept, calculating and cold, inconstant and ungrateful; he does not easily assimilate outside influences; if [38] it is kept in mind that in addition to this he does not have expressions that formulate moral or supernatural ideas, one will have an idea of the social state of the Jîbaro.

26: Brüning--70 [3] (1902) 1928 Jívaro
116, 862, 163, 156

I gained the impressions that there were not many children around. This would explain why mothers suckle their children--as I was told--up to the age of four. I saw it with my own eyes that the children ran to the mother and asked for the breast. The little girls whom I have seen were very timid and clung to their mother as soon as one of us approached; they even refused to accept gifts. The boys, however, were different, and I made friends with them easily.

In regard to their mentality, it can be said that they do not possess the gift of natural poesy common to so many primitive peoples. They live in communion with nature, and from her they receive a great feeling for liberty and individualism. They live isolated from one another, and, at times, their dwellings are several hours distant from one another.